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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The second week of the session ends with a record of progress practically unprecedented. Ever since the change of government the Opposition have permitted very little business to be done during the first two or three weeks; but this year they have been disposed to change their tactics. They could not very well have done otherwise. Immediately after the short debate on the Address had closed Mr. Fielding laid the estimates for the year on the table of the House, and if these had not been taken up in a business like way the Conservatives would have had to answer for an inexcusable waste of time. During the past week a large number of items were put through, although on Tuesday night the Opposition showed their teeth in a very decided way over the estimates of the Agricultural Department.

The course of the Opposition on Tuesday night was clearly due to the determination to roast the Minister of Agriculture. During the past few years it seems to have become a settled thing that at some period during the session each Minister is made to pass through this fiery ordeal. Such a proceeding does not help the dignity of Parliament; but the Tories appear to think that the discipline is necessary in order that each head of a Department may be made to realize he is alive. The lot of a Minister is not such an easy one that this course is really necessary in order to keep him in a proper condition of humility before his opponents; but the Opposition seem to think it is.

The really important event since my last letter was the triumph of the Liberals in the Senate. When the present Government succeeded to power the Upper House had an overwhelming majority of Conservatives, and every one is familiar with the means which were taken in the Senate to block the will of the Commons in matters of important legislation. The throwing out of the measure providing for the extension of the Intercolonial, and the Redistribution Bill, were striking instances of the way in which the partisan majority was turned to account. At one time it looked as if the new Government would be unable to do anything to which the Conservative Senators might take exception; but that day has passed. One by one Liberals have taken the place of Conservatives, until this year when the issue arose as to the control of Standing Committees in the Senate the Government party were found to be in the majority.

The loss of this last vantage ground was not allowed to take place without a last vigorous struggle. Mr. Scott, as the Government leader, spoke very candidly about the political aspects of the matter, intimating that since Confederation the Liberals had not been allowed to have a Chairman of a single Committee in the Senate, and that now he thought the time had come for a change. The Liberals were now in a majority, and he held that they ought to have control of the Committees. It was pathetic to hear Sir McKenzie Bowell and Mr. Ferguson deplore the introduction of the partisan view, and declaim in favor of an independent and judicial Senate. They contented themselves, however, with this protest, and for the first time in the history of the Dominion, Liberals have been placed at the head of the Standing Committees of the Senate.

Monday was taken up wholly with a discussion on the subject of reciprocity. Mr. John Charlton brought up the question, and spoke at considerable length. He took occasion to point out the very reasonable attitude of the United States

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in relation to trade with Canada, characterizing the action of that country as narrow and selfish. He quoted from the official trade returns to show that our imports from our neighbors were enormously greater than our exports to them, and that the situation in that regard is steadily growing worse. His notion of a remedy was not, however, so clear as his diagnosis of the trouble. As was pointed out by some of the members, without regard to partisan considerations, we cannot help it on this side if the Americans are disposed to be hoggyish.

Moreover, a careful analysis of our purchases from the United States shows that three fourths of all we buy consists of articles which England cannot supply. For example, Great Britain cannot sell us raw cotton, hard coal, tobacco, oranges, or a score of other things which we now get from the United States. Nearly all these articles are on the free list. Contiguity enables our neighbors to sell us largely of the coarser manufactures of iron and steel, such as steel rails; but if all goes well these things will be produced in Canada after this year. In fact, the production of steel rails has already begun at Sault Ste Marie, and under the prevailing tariff and bounty system it will not be to the interest of purchasers to go outside of the country. The debate was not ended on Monday night, and when the subject next comes up the Finance Minister will have the floor.

Reference was not made last week, owing to the lack of space, to Mr. Bourassa's annual tirade against the manner in which Canada is treated by Great Britain. His motion on the face of it referred only to a call for the papers relating to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty; but with this text he roamed over his favorite ground of attack upon the general subject of Imperial policy. He incidentally hinted at his views about the South African war, and revealed an unmistakable tinge of hostility to the Motherland. Mr. Bourassa does this very largely for the sake of notoriety; but the novelty of the thing has worn off and very few people take him seriously, he does not speak for any party, and he has no following.

The reports of all the departments have been laid on the table of the House, which is a record that has not been equalled before. This has been due to the settled policy of the Government to afford the Opposition no ground whatever for the blocking of public business after Parliament meets on the ground that official information is lacking. Some of these reports afford interesting and instructive reading. That of the Interior Department shows that the receipts of last year from the sale of Dominion lands was \$370,416 greater than last year, which clears out the view that immigration into the North West is going actively forward. These purchases are made to some extent by settlers who went in years ago; but for the most part they were made by immigrants who have come across from the Western States.

The report just referred to also shows that the excess of revenue over expenditure in connection with the administration of the Yukon District now amounts to \$757,795. If the charges to capital ac-

count are eliminated the surplus amounts to \$1,804,333. The outlay in connection with the Yukon has gone each year to swell the total expenditure by the Government; but when the account is locked into it is found that a very substantial balance exists on the credit side. Since the administration of that district began the balance of revenue over outgo amounts to \$3,613,430.

The total acreage disposed of by railway companies is not quite as large as for the previous year, but the combined area of lands sold by the department and companies amounted this year to 712,566 acres as against 699,178 acres in 1900, showing an increase of 13,388 in favor of 1901. The number of homestead entries granted during the past year, 8,167, was 741 in excess of the previous year, and was the largest ever granted in the history of the department. During the last five years there were 29,514 entries made, as compared with 16,367 for the preceding five years, or an increase of 12,147.

During the week Colonel Hughes brought up a resolution on the subject of precedence. It seems that under the rule adopted in Canada no one is recognized at a State function of a lower ecclesiastical rank than that of a bishop. The Colonel drew attention to the fact that this gave recognition to but two of the denominations, while the heads of the others were ignored. He held that this was unreasonable and the cause of much needless irritation. We have no State church in Canada, and there was therefore no reason for discriminating in favor of the heads of two denominations to the exclusion of all the others. The subject was discussed in a moderate spirit, and it is probable a remedy will be found in due time.

The Minister of Railways was obliged to visit New York a day or two ago, and this circumstance was seized upon by the Opposition press to revive the rumor that Mr. Blair was about to retire. It was said that his health had broken down, that he had gone to New York to consult a specialist, and that his successor had already been selected. All this was sheer invention. Mr. Blair is now entirely free from organic trouble, has returned to regular office work, and has almost regained his full physical strength. Acting under the advice of his physician he is avoiding the danger of overwork; and if nothing happens he will be in possession of his wonted vigor in the course of a few weeks. No doubt his opponents would welcome his retirement; but that is not going to happen.

Rheumatic Pains Cured by Nerviline.

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RELIGIONS IN THE DOMINION.

THE STATUS OF THE DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

OTTAWA, March 5.—A bulletin was issued by the census department last week giving the religions of the people. The number of specified denominations and sects is 142, embracing a population of 5,326,716. There are 30 other sects represented by one or two individuals in each—in all 159 persons. The principal religions are:

Denominations.	1901
Adventists.....	8,064
Anglicans (Ch. of Eng.).....	680,346
Baptists.....	292,435
Baptists (free will).....	24,229
Brethren.....	8,071
Congregationalists.....	28,283
Disciples of Christ.....	14,872
Friends (Quakers).....	4,087
Jews.....	16,432
Lutherans.....	92,394
Methodists.....	916,862
Presbyterians.....	842,301
Protestants.....	11,607
Roman Catholics.....	2,228,997
Salvation Army.....	10,307
Thinkers.....	1,531
Unitarians.....	1,934
Universalists.....	2,589
Unspecified.....	44,184
Various sects.....	141,474

Total..... 5,371,051

For the province of New Brunswick the religions are:

Denominations.	1901
Adventists.....	1,124
Anglicans (Ch. of Eng.).....	41,767
Baptists.....	65,444
Baptists (free will).....	15,502
Brethren.....	5
Congregationalists.....	1,033
Disciples of Christ.....	1,640
Friends (Quakers).....	5
Jews.....	376
Lutherans.....	200
Methodists.....	35,973
Presbyterians.....	39,424
Protestants.....	103
Roman Catholics.....	125,698
Salvation Army.....	606
Thinkers.....	145
Unitarians.....	170
Universalists.....	612
Unspecified.....	1,298
Various sects.....	1,298

Total..... 331,120

CROUPY COUGHS OF CHILDREN.

The tendency to croup is a foe that all parents have to fight. Croup comes in the night, when the help must be right at hand if it is to be helped at all. Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam is a blessing to all families where there are children subject to attacks of croup or any mean cough. It has a wonderful reputation for its efficiency and fully deserves it.

You cannot tell what night your child may wake up choking to death with croup. In such a case what do you do? Send for a doctor and wait an hour, or perhaps two hours, while the child is gasping for breath? How much simpler where the true specific for croupy coughs and all throat troubles is right at hand. Indeed, no other way is safe with young children in the house.

Adamson's Cough Balsam is a most delicate medicine for children, relieving the little throats at once. Its action is soothing and certain. It clears out the phlegm which produces the croupy condition, and is a safeguard which no mother who knows about it will dispense with. All coughs and inflammation of the throat or bronchial tubes are cured by the Balsam with promptness that surprises. All druggists sell it, 25 cents. The genuine has "F. W. Kinsman & Co." blown in the bottle.

NO DUCK MAY BE KILLED.

A general impression seems to exist among the people residing in the province that it is not contrary to law to kill other varieties of duck than black duck, during the present season. This is an error and the people who shoot any kind of duck during the close season are likely piling up trouble for themselves. While black duck or dusky duck are particularly specified in the game act, it also includes all other kinds of duck, as those interested may observe by reading the second section of the act. The close season for duck extends from the first of December in one year to the first of September in the next. Residents in localities frequented by wild geese or brant, may kill them for domestic use only, but this regulation does not apply to duck of any kind, and persons who kill them out of season are liable to the penalty prescribed by the game law.

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The Women of Canada Are Becoming Proficient in the work of Mat and Rug Making

The city and town Fairs and Exhibitions held last autumn in the various provinces of our Dominion, have fully demonstrated the fact that the women of Canada are rapidly becoming proficient in the art of making mats and rugs.

In the sections of Canada's fairs devoted to woman's work, the display of mats and rugs made from the Diamond Dye Mat and Rug Patterns was most varied and attractive, and claimed the attention of tens of thousands. The prize winners (who used the Diamond Dyes to color their rugs and other materials from which the rugs were made) all agreed that the Diamond Dye Mat and Rug Patterns were the best and easiest to work up.

If you would like to make up a choice mat or rug, send your address to The Well & Richardson Co., Limited, 200 Mountain St., Montreal, P. Q., and you will receive full range of new designs.

CANADIAN TEACHERS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

OTTAWA, March 5.—The secretary of state, acting under instructions from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain secretary of state for the colonies, is seeking the services of 40 Canadian lady teachers to proceed to South Africa to take charge of the Boer children in the concentration camps for a year. The teachers will receive rations and house or tent accommodation, £100 sterling at the end of the year, and free passage back to Canada if they so desire. The standard of qualification is a Normal school certificate. Twenty will be secured in Ontario and 20 in the other provinces.

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There was a mass meeting the other day of the residents of Cleator Moor, a district of London, in favor of a Sunday delivery of letters for the district. One of the speakers opposed to the measure was the vicar of the parish, who said: "I am here in the name of God Almighty, and those who oppose me oppose Him." This statement seemed to settle the question, for a resolution in favor of Sunday delivery, was at once carried by an overwhelming majority.

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Nine thousand farmers from North Dakota points where land is scarce are to visit the Canadian Northwest, and it is said that the greater number of them will buy up land.

Graduates of different Canadian universities at a meeting at Ottawa, appointed a Provisional Committee to arrange for the holding of a joint university banquet about the middle of April.

LOCAL OPINION IS STRONG in favor of Pny-Balsam. It cures coughs and colds with absolute certainty. Pleasant to take and sure to cure. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

The money that was given to the legation children by the Dowager Empress of China at her reception last Thursday, amounting to \$100 each, has been returned by the various legations to the board of foreign affairs.

A despatch from Lahore says 3,000,000 acres of wheat in the Punjab are suffering from total drought.

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SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

TEXT OF IMPORTANT AND HOPEFUL ADDRESS AT OPENING OF LEGISLATURE.

FREDERICTON, March 6.—The speech from the throne, read by Lieut. Governor Snowball at the opening of the legislature was:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me very great pleasure to meet you in parliament assembled for the discharge of your important legislative duties for the first time since I have entered upon the trust reposed in me as the representative of his most gracious majesty in this province.

We have recently been honored by the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, now the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the government of the province took the necessary measures to receive the royal party in a suitable manner. The enthusiastic greeting accorded to the distinguished visitors was especially pleasing to them, and testified in a marked degree to the loyalty of the people of our province.

During the past summer His Excellency the Governor General and the Countess of Minto visited various sections of the province and were everywhere most enthusiastically received. Their gracious manner and the deep interest shown by their excellencies in the industries, progress and welfare of our people, have produced a favorable and lasting impression.

The death, at the hands of an assassin, of the president of the neighboring republic, with which this province has such intimate business and social relations, evoked a deep feeling of sympathy, and the government, desiring to voice the sentiments of the people, extended to the United States government, through his excellency the governor general, an expression of the profound sorrow which we felt, in common with all civilized nations, at the lamentable and tragic event, PROSPEROUS CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of business, and the success which is attending the efforts of our people in the various pursuits in which they are engaged. The continued and rapid development of the dairying industries of the province, as shown by the increase in the production and exports of cheese and butter by the large numbers of cheese factories and creameries which have been established under the liberal encouragement afforded by the government, is most gratifying. Being satisfied that there is reason to hope for indefinite expansion in this direction, my government will, with your approval, continue the same vigorous policy as hitherto.

The building of improved roller flour mills has given considerable impetus to the growth of wheat and has resulted in saving to our people large sums of money which would otherwise be sent out of the province for flour. I am sure that you will be gratified to know that the financial assistance which you authorized for the erection of these mills has already been productive of such good results, and that you will approve of this policy being continued so that all parts of the country may receive the benefit of government assistance in this direction.

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Life Guards.

The Life Guards are two regiments of cavalry forming part of the British household troops. They are gallant soldiers, and every loyal British heart is proud of them. Not only the King's household, but yours, ours, everybody's should have its life guards. The need of them is especially great when the greatest foes of life, diseases, find allies in the very elements, as colds, influenza, catarrh, the grip and pneumonia do in the stormy month of March. The best way that we know of to guard against these diseases is to strengthen the system with Hood's Sarsaparilla—the greatest of all life guards. It removes the conditions in which these diseases make their most successful attack, gives vigor and tone to all the vital organs and functions, and imparts a genial warmth to the blood. Remember the weaker the system the greater the exposure to disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the system strong.

According to the Sydney correspondent of the London Daily Mail, New South Wales is now experiencing its seventh year of almost continuous drought. The churches have appointed February 26 as a day of humiliation and prayer. The Government has proclaimed this day to be a general holiday, so all business will then be suspended.